USFS - Eldorado National Forest

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All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the applicant's application.

Please note: If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #2 Applicant to verify response.
- #5 Applicant to verify response.
- #8b The narrative does not support "5 to 19 times per year". Only onsite education efforts are eligible for credit.

Ground Operations	G11-02-03-G01
Project Description	

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff Forest Rec Staff GS-12 This is an Indirect Cost.
- Staff District Resource Officers GS-11 This is an Indirect Cost.
- Staff District Recreation Officer GS-9 Identify how this position is project related.
- Staff Forest Trails Specialist GS-9 Identify how this position is project related.
- Staff Bios/Hydro/Archs/Wld GS-11 Identify how this position is project related.
- Staff Public Affairs Assistant This is an Indirect Cost.
- Staff Forest OHV Lead This is an Indirect Cost.
- Materials /Supplies Barricade materials and seeds These items appear to be for restoration activities.
- Equipment Use Expense SWECO Advance operator training This does not appear appropriate to the success of the project.

- #5 Identify how each partner will participate in the project.
- #6 "Providing bridges instead of wet crossings where appropriate" is not related to this project.
- #8 The narrative does not support a "Yes" response.

Development – Trail Reroute	G11-02-03-D02
Project Description	

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff "Contracting Officer's Representati", "Contracting Officer", "Forest Engineer", and "Forest Recreation Officer" appear to be Indirect Costs – provide more detail on how each position is directly related to the project.
- Contracts Provide more detail about the specifics of the "Trail Construction Contract". Also, how was the amount determined?
- Materials/Supplies Provide more detail for "Miscellaneous supplies".

Evaluation Criteria

- #9 Identify the stakeholders.
- #13 Project description does not support the checked items "Re-routes to divert trails away from Riparian/Wetlands" and "Provide bridges instead of wet crossings".

Development – Gold Note OHV Cattle Guards	G11-02-03-D03
Project Description	

• The project is a Ground Operations project since the activities of the project result in the maintenance of OHV Opportunity.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff "Range Manager" Appears to be an Indirect Cost, provide more detail.
- Contracts Provide more detail about the specifics of the "Cattle Guard Installation" contract. Also, how was the amount determined?

- #2b Provide the date of the reference document.
- #2c Provide the date of the reference document.
- #3 Narrative does not support the items checked. Installation of cattle guards would not provide for diversified OHV use.
- #10 The "Sopiago Grazing Allotment permittee" does not qualify as a partner organization.
- #11 Narrative does not adequately support the response.
- #12 Narrative does not support the response.

Planning – Rock Creek Update	G11-02-03-P01
Project Description	

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff "Forester", "Forest Recreation Officer", and "Resource Staff" appear to be Indirect Costs – provide more detail on how each position is directly related to the project.
- Materials/Supplies Provide more detail for "Misc Supplies to support Program".
- Equipment Use Expenses Provide more detail for "Field Vehicle".

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 Narrative does not support checked items "Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses" and "Trail issues such as traffic patterns...".
- #3 Project description does not support the checked items.
- #4 Identify the stakeholders.
- #6 Narrative does not support the response.
- #7 Narrative does not support checked items.
- #8 Narrative and reference document do not support the response.
- #9 Narrative does not support the response.
- #10 Narrative does not support the response.

Planning – Elkins Flat Staging Imprv.	G11-02-03-P02
Project Description	

 Project appears to be for restoration planning. Applicant must move activities to a Restoration project.

Project Cost Estimate

- Project grant request is under the minimum application amount of \$10,000.
- Costs associated with restoration planning activities should be included in a Restoration project.
- Staff "Placerville District OHV Coordinator" indicates "for restoration project" and would not be applicable for a Planning project. Also, this is an Indirect Cost.
- Staff "District Recreation Officer" Is an Indirect Cost.
- Materials/Supplies Provide more detail for "Misc Supplies to support Program".
- Equipment Use Expenses Provide more detail for "Field Vehicle".

Evaluation Criteria

• #5 – Narrative does not support the response.

Planning – Travel Mgmt. Suppl. EIS	G11-02-03-P03
Project Description	

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff Provide more detail for the listings of two separate "Recreation Specialist" and "GIS Specialist".
- Staff Provide more detail for "INFRA Data Steward".
- Materials/Supplies Provide more detail for "Misc Supplies to support Program".
- Equipment Use Expenses Provide more detail for "Field Vehicle".

- #3 Project description does not support checked items.
- #8 Narrative and reference document do not support the response.
- #10 Narrative does not support the response.

Planning – Mixed Use Analysis	G11-02-03-P04
Project Description	

• A - What are the lengths of the routes?

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff Provide more detail for "Resource Officer".
- Staff "Forest Engineer" appears to be an Indirect Cost provide more detail.
- Contracts Provide more detail about the specifics of the "Enterprise Team" contract. Also, how was the amount determined?

- #2 Narrative does not support checked items.
- #3 Project description does not support checked items.
- #4 Only one interested party identified. Also, identify stakeholders and provide date(s) for stakeholder meeting(s).
- #5 Narrative does not support the response.
- #6 Activities are not related to this planning project. Also individual volunteers do not qualify as a partner organization.
- #7 Narrative does not support checked items "Project will develop management plans...", "Project will complete environmental review...", "Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent...", and "Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal...".
- #8 Narrative and reference document do not support the response.
- #9 Narrative does not support the response.

Restoration – Phase II McKinstry and	G11-02-03-R01
Jones Fork	

Project Description

• C – Applicant should provide the actual area to be restored during the project.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff "District Ranger" appears to be an Indirect Cost. Explain role of "District Ranger" and how it is directly related to the project.
- Staff The quantity and rate appear to be reversed for "Forest Protection Officer", "Law Enforcement", and "Landscape Architect".
- Equipment Use Expenses "Equipment Rental" Applicant must explain the need and types of equipment to be rented.

- #2 Narrative does not to support checked item "Archaeological or historical resources..." Identified sites do not appear to be listed on the California Register of Historical Resources or National Register of Historic Places.
- #3 Supply a date for the reference document.
- #10 Narrative does not support the response.
- #11 Project description does not identify the size of sensitive habitats to be restored by the project.

Restoration – Placerville Routes Native	G11-02-03-R02
Plant	

Project Description

• E – Not applicable. This only applies if the project is for planning activities.

Project Cost Estimate

No comment.

Evaluation Criteria

- #3 Supply the title/name of a reference document instead of an explanation.
- #6 Narrative does not address operational costs.
- #10 Narrative does not support the response.

Restoration – Georgetown Ranger Dist.	G11-02-03-R03
Project Description	

• C – Applicant should clarify the actual area to be restored during the project.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff "Forester" Explain the role of "Forester" and how it is directly related to the project.
- Staff "OHV Coordinator" Explain role of "OHV Coordinator" and how it is directly related to the project.
- Staff "Other-Resource Officer" Explain role of "Other-Resource Officer" and how it is directly related to the project.
- Staff "Other-Conservation Resource District Staff" Explain role of "Other-Conservation Resource District Staff" and how it is directly related to the project.
- Equipment Use Expenses Several mileage rates appear excessive. Explain and/or verify use and mileage rates for vehicles.

- #3 Narrative does not support the response.
- #4 Narrative does not to support the checked item "Use of native plants".
- #7 Applicant should identify stakeholders at meetings.
- #10 Narrative does not support the response.

Restoration Planning – Elkins Staging Area	G11-02-03-R04
Project Description	
No comment.	
Project Cost Estimate	
No comment.	
Evaluation Criteria	
No comment.	